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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before line 4, please insert the following new paragraph:

This application is a U.S. National Phase Application of International Application No. PCT/CU2003/000018 filed on December 19, 2003. The specification of International Application No. PCT/CU2003/000018 is hereby incorporated by reference.

This application asserts priority to Cuban Application No. CU 2002-0337 filed on December 27, 2002. The specification of Cuban application No. CU 2002-0337 is hereby incorporated by reference.

On page 1, line 4, please delete the heading "Previous Art" and insert the following heading:

Background of the Invention

On page 12, please delete the paragraph beginning at line 4 and ending on line 11, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

The plasmids pC-EURGUSint; pC-ARTEGUSint; pGARTEGUSint y and pC-U3ARTEGUSint were deposited under the Budapest treated for the protection of Microorganisms in the Belgian Coordinated Collection of Microorganism, Plasmid Collection (BCCM/LMBP) Universiteit Gent, 'Fiers-Schell-Van Montagu' building, Technologiepark 927, B-9052 Gent-Zwijnaarde, Belgica. Plasmids pC-EURGUSint; pC-ARTEGUSint; pGARTEGUSint with the access numbers LMBP 4727; LMBP 4725; LMBP

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4728 respectively and with the date May 19, 2003 and pC-U3ARTEGUSint with the number
4791 of November 25, 2003.